

9. (New) The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of mixing the lubricant with a solvent for a spray application.

10. (New) A brush for an electric machine equipped with a collector, comprising:
an end face; and
a supply of lubricant in an area of the end face allocated to the collector.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-5 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/01206, and adds new claims 6-10. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE99/01206 includes an International Search Report, dated September 21, 1999, a copy of which is included. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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